Practice: 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer

Scenario: #2 - Bare-root, hand planted, conifers, hardwoods, shrubs

Scenario Description:

Establish a buffer of trees and/or shrubs into a suitably prepared site to restore riparian plant communities and associated benefits. The buffer will be located adjacent to and up-gradient from a watercourse or water body extending a minimum of 35 feet wide. The planting will consist of hand planted bare-root shrubs, evergreen, and deciduous trees. One third of the area will be planted to each woody plant type. Planting for shrubs will be done at 6' x 6' spacing, evergreen tree spacing will be 12' x 15' and deciduous tree spacing at 15' x 15'. Resource concerns to be addressed are Soil Erosion - excessive bank erosion; Water Quality - excess sediment and organics in surface waters and elevated temperature; Degraded Plant Condition - inadequate structure and composition; and Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife - habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

Typical sites include former riparian forests and habitat used for forage, cropland, speculation property, or other nonforest condition which contains undesirable amounts or types of vegetation. Active bank erosion is depositing sediment, nutrients and organics in the riparian area. Water temperature is high due to lack of shade. Habitat is not desirable for wildlife.

After Situation:

A buffer of trees and shrubs will be established along the riparian corridor which will provide stability, filtration, shade, and desirable habitat to address the above mentioned resource concerns.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of planting

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 3

Scenario Cost: \$2,029.46 Scenario Cost/Unit: \$676.49

Cost Details (by category):									
Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	(\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost			
Equipment/Installation									
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$36.60	2	\$73.20			
Hand tools, tree planting	1590	Various hand tools for digging holes and planting trees such as augers, dibble bars, planting shovel, hoe-dad. Equipment only. Labor not included.	Hour	\$11.22	16	\$179.52			
Trailer, enclosed, small	1503	Small enclosed trailer (typically less than 30' in length) pulled by a pickup to transport materials and equipment. Truck not included.	Hour	\$3.55	2	\$7.10			
Foregone Income									
FI, Corn Dryland	1959	Dryland Corn is Primary Crop	Acre	\$238.74	3	\$716.22			
Labor									
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.70	16	\$299.20			
Materials									
Tree, hardwood, seedling or transplant, bare root, 16-36"	1510	Bare root hardwood trees 18-36" tall. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.37	194	\$71.78			
Tree, conifer, seedling, bare root, 1-1	1513	Bare root conifer trees, 1-1 (2 years old). Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.12	242	\$29.04			
Shrub, seedling or transplant, bare root. 18"-36"	1507	Bare root hardwood trees 18-36" tall. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.54	1210	\$653.40			

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Scenario: #3 - Bare-root, machine planted, conifers, hardwoods, shrubs

Scenario Description:

Establish a buffer of trees and/or shrubs into a suitably prepared site to restore riparian plant communities and associated benefits. The buffer will be located adjacent to and up-gradient from a watercourse or water body extending a minimum of 35 feet wide. The planting will consist of machine planted bare-root shrubs, evergreen, and deciduous trees. One third of the area will be planted to each woody plant type. Planting for shrubs will be done at 6' x 6' spacing, evergreen tree spacing will be 12' x 15' and deciduous tree spacing at 15' x 15'. Resource concerns to be addressed are Soil Erosion - excessive bank erosion; Water Quality - excess sediment and organics in surface waters and elevated temperature; Degraded Plant Condition - inadequate structure and composition; and Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife - habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

Typical sites include former riparian forests and habitat used for forage, cropland, speculation property, or other nonforest condition which contains undesirable amounts or types of vegetation. Active bank erosion is depositing sediment, nutrients and organics in the riparian area. Water temperature is high due to lack of shade. Habitat is not desirable for wildlife.

After Situation:

A buffer of trees and shrubs will be established along the riparian corridor which will provide stability, filtration, shade, and desirable habitat to address the above mentioned resource concerns.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of planting

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 3

Scenario Cost: \$2,200.24 Scenario Cost/Unit: \$733.41

Cost Details (by category		Price				
Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	(\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Mechanical tree planter	1600	Mechanical tree planter. Requires a pulling unit of either tractor or small dozer depending upon site conditions. Does not include labor.	Hour	\$6.37	6	\$38.22
Tractor, agricultural, 60 HP	963	Agricultural tractor with horsepower range of 50 to 90. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$23.09	6	\$138.54
Foregone Income						
FI, Corn Dryland	1959	Dryland Corn is Primary Crop	Acre	\$238.74	3	\$716.22
Labor					·	
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	\$20.08	6	\$120.48
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.70	14	\$261.80
Materials						
Tree, hardwood, seedling or transplant, bare root, 16-36"	1510	Bare root hardwood trees 18-36" tall. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.37	194	\$71.78
Tree, conifer, seedling, bare root, 1-1	1513	Bare root conifer trees, 1-1 (2 years old). Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.12	242	\$29.04
Shrub, seedling or transplant, bare root, 18"-36"	1507	Bare root hardwood trees 18-36" tall. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.54	1210	\$653.40
Mobilization					•	
Mobilization, small equipment	1138	Equipment <70 HP but can't be transported by a pick-up truck or with typical weights between 3,500 to 14,000 pounds.	Each	\$170.76	1	\$170.76